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REF: Basin 29 Assistant Water master appointment

Subject: Basin 29 Water master's injuries

Dear Skip,

Saturday August 17th, 2002 Steve Hebdon, Basin 29 water master, was seriously injured in an automobile accident in Chesterfield when his truck rolled down the side of the road. During that time both arms were pinned for a couple of hours under the roof of his truck and he has temporarily lost the use of both arms. He broke the left arm and has some nerve damage in the right arm. He has been hospitalized since the accident and has undergone surgery on his left arm to install a plate so he can use the broken arm while they work on the right arm. Steve is currently undergoing therapy to restore the use of his arms but during his long recovery he has asked to have his wife, Linda Hebdon, appointed as assistant water master to finish this irrigation season. Linda became familiar with the diversion earlier this year when she was Steve's driver after his horse accident when he broke some ribs. The ribs were not completely healed from the horse accident when the auto accident occurred so he also is trying to keep the lung from collapsing.

Sincerely,

Cindy E. Bird